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SUBJECT:NAMIBIA: WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN ARMED
FORCES

REF: PRETORIA 4247

1. OUR INITIAL REACTION TO SADF INTELLIGENCE
DIRECTOR'S PROPOSAL (REFTEL) IS THAT WE WOULD NOT WISH
TO BECOME INVOLVED IN EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE
INFORMATION WITH SAG, EVEN IF OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE OF
THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE DESIRABLE AIM OF REDUCING
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SADF PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA. MOREOVER, WE DO NOT WISH
TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT WE REGARD LEVEL OF SADF
FORCES IN NAMIBIA AS IN ANY WAY A FUNCTION OF CUBAN
FORCES IN ANGOLA. WE CAN, HOWEVER, SEE SOME
ADVANTAGE IN USING THIS CHANNEL TO GET SADF TO THINK
ABOUT HOW IT MIGHT PHASE ITS WITH DRAWAL FROM NAMIBIA
AND TO SUGGEST TO SADF POLITICAL POINT THAT IT CAN

BEST COUNTER CUBANS BY ASSURING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA WHICH IS FULLY ACCEPTABLE TO REST OF AFRICA. DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS US DEL LAGOS OR EMBASSY PRETORIA MIGHT HAVE ON THESE POINTS.

2. ON SPECIFIC POINT IN REFTEL, DEPARTMENT WAS STRUCK BY STATEMENT PARA 2(D) THAT SADF INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR "LEFT IMPRESSION THAT TOTAL SADF STRENGTH IN NAMIBIA WAS 30,000 TO 40,000 STRONG." THIS FIGURE IS FAR IN EXCESS OF OUR ESTIMATES OF SADF STRENGTH IN NAMIBIA AND COMES CLOSE TO 50,000 FIGURE USED BY SWAPO. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION AND COMMENT THIS POINT, WHICH COULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE IN NAMIBIA NEGOTIATIONS.

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